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REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed June 23, 2006. In that Office communication, on page 2 under **Response to Applicant's Non-Final Rejection**, the Examiner stated that Claim 89 is missing from the listing of the claims in the Preliminary Amendment filed November 29, 2001.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 89 was present in both the Preliminary Amendment filed November 29, 2001, and in the Response to the prior Office Action filed August 8, 2005. On page 13 of the August 8, 2005 Response, Claim 89 was inadvertently attached to Claim 88 (page 13, lines 7-12). In the listing of the claims provided above, Applicant herewith corrects this error and reinstates Claim 88 and Claim 89 as separate claims, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 35-103.


In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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